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Another test! You hear ^{from} across the room. Just one more and you're done with that class for good. ^{someone} It is becoming ^{so} more common for an exit test or end of course test to be the final test of that class. Some people think these tests aren't fair, why should one test make it where it is a great percentage of your final grade. Others think that they are a good thing, they make you work harder, ~~they~~ show you have actually learned the material by passing the test. It is also good to see on your transcript for college. Is this test necessary or is it just a waste of time?

When you think of a test what comes to mind? Is it dread, anxiety, or pressure? Maybe it's hard work or dedication. By taking this ~~exit~~ exit test, at least I know it makes me work harder. I start studying more because I know if I don't pass ~~it~~ it won't be a good thing. This exit test does put pressure on you I won't lie but that doesn't mean that we just need to throw it out completely. By working hard you can accomplish so much more than just passing a test. It builds character, you might not know it but think about it for a second. A person who learns hard work at a younger age will be accustomed to it as they grow older. Therefore, this ~~exit~~ "exit test" could make you become a better person.

This test isn't just for the teachers or ^{the} state. It is also for you. It shows you how much you have learned over the course. I know some people don't care about how they do in a class but a lot of people do. This test gives you an over all view of that. You feel like you've accomplished something. Some people take these ~~exit~~ exit tests as just some kind of joke, but in reality when they try to get into a college and that college board looks at their test how are they supposed to know if that student won't just take college as a joke. This leads to my last point.

These tests, believe it or not, help decide your future. If you don't have the highest ~~test~~ grade point average but you do good on these test colleges might consider that into hand. Now you might be thinking well I am not going to college so why does it matter if I take this test or not. It is a fact now days if you don't have a college degree you are not going to get a well paying job at all. This test helps to hold your future plans. If we didn't have these test there would be less on our transcript for colleges to look at which means there would be a less chance of getting into your "dream college."

So should these tests be taken, or should they be taken out of the school system? They should most definitely stay. They ^{also} ~~help you~~ develop ~~the~~ good characteristics to grow up with. They give you ^{also} a confidence of you knowing the material. It looks good on your transcript which will help you with future college plans. Is this "exit test" a good thing? Absolutely. I guess you could say it helps you exit one chapter of your life and enter another.

Score Point: 6

This response reflects an outstanding degree of proficiency in persuasive writing skills. Through an effective use of rhetorical questions and a logical progression of ideas, the writer clearly develops the position that exit tests should be a high school graduation requirement. The key ideas are specific, well developed, and thoughtful. Syntactic variety and facility in the use of language are demonstrated (a person who learns hard work at a younger age will be accustomed to it as they grow older, and it helps you exit one chapter of your life and enter another). The response is complete and unified with a strong persuasive tone throughout.